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SUBJECT: SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF 102ND EXECUTIVE BOARD: ITEM 3.1

- 1. THE FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEW, EXPANDED, AND UNTESTED SPECIAL COMMITTEE WAS 3.1: ".....PROCEDURES TO ENSURE OBSERVANCE OF THE PRINCIPLES OF ROTATION AND CONTINUITY IN THE COMPOSITION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES (102 EX/2)...." THE COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY KI-ZERBO OF UPPER VOLTA, DISPOSED OF THE ITEM DURING ITS MORNING (OPENING) SESSION ON APRIL 18.
- 2. BUSTAMENTE (PANAMA) OPENED THE DISCUSSION, COMPLAINING THAT 102 EX/2 DID NOT ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF MEMBERSHIPS ON THE COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES. HE PROPOSED THAT THE RULE OF GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION BE APPLIED AS ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. BUSTAMENTE'S STATEMENT ELICITED STRONG SUPPORT FROM POLAND (KRASSOWSKA), NIGERIA (AGIOBOUKEMMER), AND ECUADOR (ABAD), AND MORE LUKEWARM (OR QUALIFIED) SUPPORT FROM OTHERS.

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3. IRAN (RAHNEMA), INDIA (DAYAL), AND JAPAN (HIRONAGA) SPOKE TO THE NEED TO LOOK FOR TECHNICAL COMPETENCE AND EFFICIENCY AS THE PRIME BASES FOR SELECTING MEMBERS. USSR (KOUTAKOV), AND FRG (PETERSEN), AND USA (SANDVED) SUPPORTED THE DG'S RECOMMENDATION, AND THE LATTER TWO QUESTIONED THE ADVISABILITY OF PROPORTIONALITY AS A CRITERION IN SELECTING MEMBERS. THE

## QUESTION OF PERPETUAL REELECTABILITY WAS NEVER RAISED.

4. KI-ZERBO ASSIGNED TO UNESCO SECRETARIAT THE TASK OF PREPARING TEXT FOR THE NEXT SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE DISCUSSION OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND PARTICULARLY THE MAJORITY VIEW THAT THE RULE OF PROPORTIONALITY SHOULD BE APPLIED. KI-ZERBO EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL AGREEMENT WITH THE LATTER VIEW. HARLAN

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